

Librarianship and the Open Access Journal State of the Union

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Presentation Outline

- Overview, basic background, models, pros and cons - Heather
- Practical, setting up a journal, experience from one editor - Jennifer
- Open Access Initiatives in Canada - Candice
- Questions — Everyone

Overview: What is Open Access?

- Open-access (OA) literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. (from Peter Suber's Open Access Overview, at <http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm>)
- Focus of the Open Access movement is peer-reviewed scholarly research article.
- Two main approaches to open access: publishing (gold) & self-archiving (green).

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Flavors of open access

- true open access - immediate open access, no restrictions
- author copyright
- delayed (embargoed) open access
- limited access (e.g. free, but on publishers' site only)

How does Open Access differ from Open Source?

- Open Source - open code (can be modified)
 - must share alike
 - not necessarily free

How does Open Access differ from Creative Commons?

- Creative Commons

- author selects permissions from a menu
- easily let users / readers know what is allowed
- some open access publishers use Creative Commons licensing
- Creative Commons Canada site:
<http://creativecommons.org/>

Open access business models

- Most OA journals do not charge article processing fees
- Volunteer & in-kind
- Sponsorship or subsidy
- Efficient software helps
- Article Processing Fees
- Advertising
- New approaches – library / publishing cooperatives?

Describe the Pros and Cons of Open Access Publishing

- Pros: research impact
- lower costs (no subscription tracking, authentication)
- Cons: generating revenue
- Specific requirements to be in DOAJ etc.
- Direct import function to Library catalogues

Practical: How do I set up an Open Access Journal?

- Choose your software
 - OJS <http://pkp.sfu.ca/ojs/>
 - SPARC
www.arl.org/sparc/resources/pubres.html#journals
 - Érudit (Quebec) www.erudit.org
- Hosting and technical support

...setting up...

- Choose your OA model
- Establish scope, content, purpose
- Select the Editorial Board -
experienced and reputable
- Editorial Support
- Documentation

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- Quality assurance is essential!
 - Maintain high standards
 - Encouraging and supportive environment
 - Must be regular practice
- Devoted time
 - Can be very time consuming
 - Strict schedules and deadlines

Opportunities

- Peer reviewing
- Copyediting
- Indexing
- Mentoring
- Not limited to library journals
- Research
- Participation with Library Associations and Conferences

Can an Open Access Journal be sustainable? How?

- Dedicated Volunteers
- University-backing or support
- Other institutional support

Partnership

The Canadian Journal of Library and Information Practice and Research

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Evidence Based
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Can I really do this?

- Yes you can - these journals are sustainable and credible.
- OJS in Hour Tutorial
- Good system support from an institution (not necessarily your own)
- Time to Experiment with the software
- Take the leap!

Funding Agencies

- SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council)
 - Aid to Open-Access Research Journals program
- CIHR (Canadian Institutes of Health Research)
 - *Draft Policy on Access to CIHR-funded Research Outputs*
- IDRC (International Development Research Centre)
 - Open Access Institutional Repository

Associations/Organizations

- **CLA (Canadian Library Association)**
 - Taskforce on Open Access
- **CARL (Canadian Association of Research Libraries)**
 - Institutional Repositories Project
 - CARL Harvester
- **ARL (Association of Research Libraries)**
 - SPARC
 - Scholarly Communications Institutes
- **Provincial Library Associations**
 - BCLA recognized as an early adopter (2004)

Projects

- Alouette Canada
- Advocacy and Education in libraries and library/information schools
- Libraries hosting open access journals and repositories
- Public Knowledge Project

More Questions... Contact Us!

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